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1. NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT ANTONIO PARRA AUGUST 5
ARRIBA (GOVERNMENT ORIENTED): "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
HAS DENIED 'HAVING THROWN IN THE TOWEL* OR BEING
DISPOSED TO WAVER SHOULD THE SOVIET DIVISIONS EAST
OF THE DANUBE MARCH AND ATTACK WESTERN EUROPE, ACCORDING
TO WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL IN RELATION
TO A COMENTARY PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST.

2. "THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY...THE TWO FAMOUS
KREMLINOLOGISTS EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK WROTE GLOOMILY
ABOUT THE FUTURE AWAITING THE GERMANS...THE TWO FAMOUS
POLITICAL ANALISTS HAD ACCESS TO ONE OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, AND MANAGED TO
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OBTAIN THE WORDS OF BRZEZINSKI IN ONE OF THESE ULTRA-
SECRET MEETINGS.

3. "WITHOUT A BREAK, MR. BRZEZINSKI--THE BRAIN OF
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION--DESCENDENT OF POLISH NOBLES,
DISSUADES THE PRESIDENT OF THE IDEA OF SENDING MERE
AMERICAN TROOP CONTINGENTS TO THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ZONE,

BECAUSE IN THAT MANNER'WE WOULD MAKE OURSELVES MORE
CONSPICUOUS AND VULNERABLE. WE SHOULD PERMIT THE
SOVIETS TO BE THE ONES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVES. SOONER
OR LATER, THEY WOULD FALL INTO THE TRAP.'

4. "IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER BRZEZINSKI EXPRESSED
HIMSELF IN SUCH PHRASES. IT ALSO REMAINS TO BE DEMONSTRATED
WHETHER THE WARSAW PACT FORCES WOULD LAUNCH AN ASSAULT
AGAINST NATO ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, AND NOT IN THE NORTH
IN A PINCH MOVEMENT, OR IN THE SOUTH...BUT THE REVELATIONS
BY THE TWO COLUMNISTS HAVE RAISED A TRAIL OF SCANDAL IN
WASHINGTON, HAVE CAUSED PERPLEXITY IN MOSCOW, AND IN
BONN HAVE CERTAINLY SAT BADLY. THERE IS ALREADY
RUSSIAN REACTION. A TASS DISPATCH COVERING THE EVANS
AND NOVAK COMMENTARY GREETES THE YANKEE GENEROSITY WITH
A 'THANK YOU VERY MUCH' FULL OF SARCASM.

5. "IT APPEARS TO THE GERMANS FURTHERMORE TO BE A
FEVERISH BIT OF PEDANTRY OR A CIA TRIAL BALLOON TO TEST
REACTIONS. THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE IN TRUTH APPEARS
WOUNDING TO BONN, GIVEN THAT IT ASSUMES THAT THE
AMERICANS AND THE RUSSIANS ARE GOING TO PLAY DICE FOR
THE LANDS OF THE GERMANS AS IF THEY WERE THE TUNIC OF
THE GOOD THIEF.

6. "OF COURSE THE WHITE HOUSE HAS PUT OUT A STRONG
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DENIAL OF THE REPORT. JIMMY CARTER, IN AN FORCEFUL
COMMENTARY, ACCUSES THEM OF ANTICOMMUNIST OBSESSIONS.
BUT BOTH COLUMNISTS, WHO PREPARE THEIR REPORTS WITH THE
BACKING OF THE CIA, ARE NOT WHAT ONE WOULD CALL DILETTANTES
IN DETECTIVE WORK. THEY KNOW WELL WHAT THEY WRITE, AND
WHERE THERE IS SMOKE..." ITEM. RYLANCE

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